

**Demonstration and Training in the
National Wetland Condition Assessment Field Protocols**
National Water Quality Monitoring Conference
April 25, 2010
Denver, CO

Goal: Demonstrate the National Wetland Condition Assessment Field Protocols for State and Tribal partners.

Objectives

1. Provide participants with a sense of the level of effort and expertise needed to complete the NWCA field protocols.
2. Solicit technical and logistical feedback on the protocols

Training Agenda Overview:

- 7:45 am: Convene at hotel lobby: Sign in, pay for lunch, and fill out **waiver** and **emergency contact** forms.
- 8:30 am: Board Buses. Mike Scozzafava provides NARS/NWCA background. Create small groups.
- 9:00 am: Arrive at Wetland Site
- 9:15 am: Assessment Area Primer (ALL PARTICIPANTS). **Brief** orientation of the standard AA. Detailed information will be provided at Station 1.
- 9:30 am: Begin **55 minute** rotating demonstration stations (SMALL GROUPS):
- Station 1: Assessment Area and Buffer Characterization Protocols
 - Trainer(s): Elizabeth Riley (EPA), Gregg Serenbetz (EPA), Chris Faulkner (EPA)
 - Station 2: Vegetation Protocols
 - Trainer(s): Teresa Magee (ORD), Joanna Lemly (CO NHP)
 - Station 3: Soils and Hydrology Protocols
 - Trainer(s): Regina Poeske (EPA), Mary Anne Thiesing (EPA)
 - Station 4: USA RAM Protocols
 - Trainer(s): Josh Collins (SFEI)
- 10:25 am: Break/ Change demonstration station
- 10:30 am: Rotating demonstration stations (SMALL GROUPS)
- 11:25 am: Break/ Change demonstration station

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12:30 pm: Boxed Lunch (Provided)

1:30 pm: Rotating demonstration stations (SMALL GROUPS)

2:25 pm: Break/ Reconvene in large group

2:30 pm: “Hypothetical” discussion at 2nd site

3:00 pm: Reconvene for Questions and Comments

3:30 pm: Board Buses to Return to Hotel- fill out **Training Evaluation**